GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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NARMADA CANAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Narmada Canal Scheme has remained neglected and is lying pending for the past many years;

(b) if so, the reasons threfor;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon till date; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The Narmada Main Canal off takingfrom the Sardar Sarovar Project is under active stage of construction.The Main Canal up to 263.175 km (out of a total length of 460 km upto Gujarat-Rajasthanborder) is almost complete except one canal syphon. The Main Canal from 263.175 to 357.196 km is expectedto be completed by December, 2003. The remaining portion of the Main Canal in Gujarat portion is planned for completion byJune, 2005. The construction of Branch Canals and distributaries under Phase-1 (reach 0 km to 144 km) of this canal system are also under progress. Out of the total 74 km length of the Narmada MainCanal in the State of Rajasthan, the State Government has taken upthe works in the first 48 km length. The canal works in Rajsthan portion are scheduled to be completed in 2009-2010.

(c) The State Governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 6639.64 crore and Rs. 209.16 crore respectively upto September, 2002 on the Narmada Main Canal.

(d) The Narmada Control Authority and the Review Committee constituted by the Ministry of Water Resources review the progress of implementation of canal works. The Narmada ControlAuthority has also constituted a Narmada Main CanalSub-Committee in the year 1998 to decide the phasing and to co-ordinate construction programmes of the Narmada Main Canal for early completionof the canal works.